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For: ENDOTRACHEAL CATHETER AND  
MANIFOLD ASSEMBLY WITH  
IMPROVED VALVE

**Petition for One-Month Extension of Time**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on September 16, 2005, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on December 16, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until January 16, 2006.

Please charge the \$120.00 fee (fee code 1251) for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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